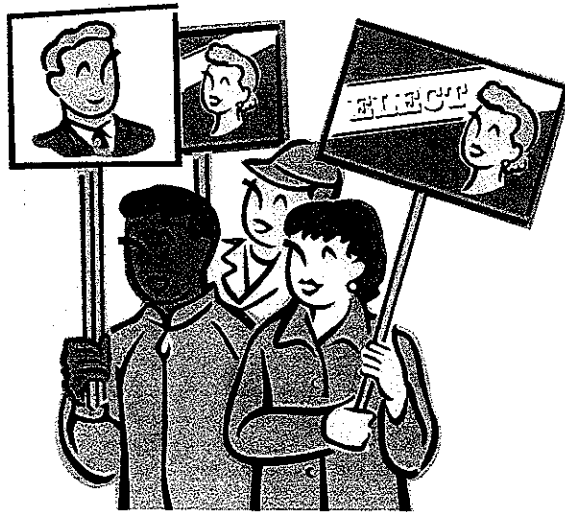


November 4, 2008 Election Signs



Signs may be erected no sooner than

August 21

and must be taken down no later than

November 19th

USE OF POLITICAL SIGNS

Adherence to the following guidelines will assure expeditious service to you on the part of the City and that political sign programs can be carried out without unnecessary difficulties:

1. Huntington Beach Zoning Code 2.33 Signs; Section 2.33.08 (M)

"Political campaign signs which do not pose a traffic or safety hazard, are not erected more than 75 days prior to or remain more than 15 days after an election and have been granted permission of the property owner for display. Political signs shall be prohibited in street medians and dividers."

2. Political signs **SHALL NOT** be placed in areas where visibility and other safety considerations are impaired. **The City will remove political signs, which pose a safety hazard.**
3. Permission from the property owner should always be secured prior to placement of political signs on private property.
4. Inventory the placement of all political signs in order that cleanup after the election can be completed.

If you have any questions please call the Zoning Counter of the Planning Department at 536-5271.

Signs may be posted by August 21st seventy five (75) days prior to the November 4th Election

Signs must be removed by November 19th fifteen (15) days after the November 4th Election

EXEMPT SIGNS
MC 233.08
SECTION (M)

F. PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS (CONTINUED)

SITE CRITERIA	TYPE	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIGN AREA	MAXIMUM SIGN HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Open House Signs and Real Estate Flags	f/s	One Sign Three flags per site	6 sq. ft. 2.5 sq. ft.	4 ft. 6 ft.	1. Open house signs and flags may be displayed only during daylight hours and when the property is available for inspection. 2. Open house signs may only be placed at the immediate points of access to a residential subdivision from an arterial. Placement shall be in the parkway only and not in street medians or dividers.

233.08 Exempt Signs

Signs exempt from the sign permit requirements of this chapter include: (3334-6/97)

- A. Corner stones, including names of buildings, dates of erection, and citations that are made an integral part of the structure. (3334-6/97)
- B. Credit card, trading stamp, or trade association signs not exceeding 0.5 square feet each. (3334-6/97)
- C. Governmental flags of any governmental agency not used for commercial promotional purposes. (3334-6/97)
- D. Neighborhood Watch signs. (3334-6/97)
- E. Notices posted by a utility or other quasi-public agent in the performance of a public duty or by any person giving due legal notice. (3334-6/97)
- F. Official notices of any court, public body or officer. (3334-6/97)
- G. Oil operations signs consistent with Title 15 of the Municipal Code. (3334-6/97)
- H. One construction sign per street frontage with a maximum sign area of 32 square feet located on a construction site during the course of construction. Removal is required prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy or final inspection, whichever comes first. (3334-6/97)
- I. One name plate, not over six (6) square feet in area, displaying the name and/or profession of the occupant of the building and/or the address, may be placed at each door, loading dock, or other entrance facing a public street. (3334-6/97)
- J. On-premise parking and other directional signs, not exceeding one double-faced sign per entrance, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height. Such signs shall not include business identification, product, or logo. (3334-6/97)

- K. Open house signs, not to exceed six (6) square feet and four (4) feet in height, may be displayed adjacent to the entrance of a property for sale or rent during daylight hours when the property is open for inspection. (3334-6/97)
- L. Pennants corresponding to a City sponsored event or theme. The pennants shall be on light standards located on private property, a maximum of 30 square feet per pennant, with a minimum eight (8) foot clearance from the ground. Written text shall be restricted to the name and dates of the event. Pennants shall be removed within five (5) working days upon the completion of the event. (3360-12/97)
- M. Political campaign signs which do not pose a traffic or safety hazard, are not erected more than 75 days prior to or remain more than 15 days after an election, and have been granted permission of the property owner for display. Political signs shall be prohibited in street medians and dividers. (3334-6/97, 3360-12/97)
- N. Promotional Activity Signs for Vehicle Sales Dealerships provided they comply with the provisions set forth in Section 233.18 G. (3360-12/97)
- O. Public transit seating signs and public information, directional, and warning signs erected by a public agency. (3334-6/97)
- P. Real estate signs provided they comply with the provisions set forth in Section 233.06 F. (3360-12/97)
- Q. Signs manufactured as a standard, integral part of a mass-produced product accessory to a commercial or public or semi-public use, including telephone booths, vending machines, automated teller machines, and gasoline pumps. (3334-6/97)
- R. Signs within a building not visible from a public street and window signs not exceeding 20 percent of the visible area of a window (50% during December). No window sign shall be displayed above the second story. (3334-6/97, 3360-12/97)
- S. Signs required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). (3360-12/97)
- T. Street address numerals. (3334-6/97)
- U. No-trespassing signs posted a minimum of 100 feet apart. (3334-6/97)

233.10 Prohibited Signs

- A. Canvas signs, banners, pennants, streamers, balloons or other temporary signs except as provided in Sections 233.08 (Exempt Signs), 233.16 (Subdivision Directional Signs) or 233.18 (Promotional Activity Signs). (3334-6/97, 3360-12/97)
- B. Mobile, A-frame, and portable signs and those of a similar nature which are not permanently attached to the ground or building except as provided in Sections 233.18 or 233.20. (3334-6/97)
- C. Roof signs. (3334-6/97)

POLL WATCHING GUIDELINES

ELECTION DAY - POLL WATCHING GUIDELINES

The election process is a public affair and anyone who wishes may observe. However, the vote of the individual citizen is secret, and no one may interfere with a voter's right to cast a secret ballot. Members of the precinct boards are sworn election officials of the County of Orange and have complete responsibility for conducting all phases of the election in their precinct. Certain standards are expected of observers:

- Poll watchers may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election or with the vote count following the close of the polls. Any person who interferes with the election or with a voter is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years. **§ 18502**
- The election must be orderly. Do not talk in a loud voice, cause confusion, or congregate inside the polls. Do not ask to use the telephone or other facilities.
- The area between the official table and the voting booths is for voters only and may not be used as an observer post. **§ 14221**
- Poll watchers may not sit at the official table or handle any of the official voting equipment, supplies, or ballots. **§ 14223**
- Poll watchers may not wear candidate badges, discuss candidates, how a voter voted, or bring any campaign material into the polling place. This constitutes electioneering and is illegal. Electioneering may not be conducted within 100 feet of a polling place. The term "100 feet of a polling place" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the Roster-Index and casting ballots. The blue "POLLING PLACE 100" signs which are posted outside, indicate the 100 foot boundary for electioneering. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor. **§ 18370**
- No one may be within 100 feet of a polling place while wearing a firearm or a peace officer or security guard uniform except: (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his/her vote; (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his/her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his/her vote; (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official; (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held. **§ 18544**
- The Precinct Board will attempt to respond to any reasonable, lawful requests from observers. The Registrar's office has instructed Precinct Officers to ask unruly poll watchers to leave, and to ask for assistance from the local law enforcement agency, if necessary.